

20 August 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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John,

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25X1 Attached is the study outline which I discussed with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (I have a more detailed version of this but thought this was enough.) My notes on the left indicate timing of major action. (On the right indicate major components involved in the preparation and action.) In our discussions we agreed on all of these -- so there wasn't any substantive disagreement.

They brought over a very brief outline -- essentially one sentence covering each of these elements, but with each element handled separately and a provision that, after the simulation phase COMIREX and the NRO jointly prepare a report to the DNRO for his presentation to the EXCOM.

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point of view. I know how much pressure you are under and certainly don't want to add to it. I think a final decision should be made on  -- and it's your decision -- but let's at least talk about it.

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NOTE FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Status of [REDACTED]

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John:

I know how busy you have been and how difficult it has been to get together on some pending matters. In general, I think it is far better, and easier to discuss certain types of problems rather than communicate by correspondence. I am sending this note hoping that it will at least get through to you and allow me to register my concern over what I regard as a very improper way to handle the affairs of a human being. You obviously know that I know you share my views about how people should be treated.

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It has been several months since I was advised, without any prior consultation, that [REDACTED] was to be reassigned to DIA and that the DIA position with ICRS was having to be lost in the squeeze on positions. I am certain that you understand what my views on that action would be, but I am not certain that the full range of implications has been considered or the possibilities for relief (re slots) that might have been feasible to work out. I asked both Hank, and later Mike, to hold off actual return of [REDACTED] until you and I had had a chance to discuss it. I alluded to this several times in brief conversations which we had but I think in retrospect that it may not have been registering directly.

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In my view, because I have been unwilling to allow [REDACTED] to return without at least a discussion, he has ended up being treated more like a commodity than a human being. He has been instructed to report back to DIA several times, the most recent being the middle of this last week. I am sending this note because I am quite sure you would be as concerned as I am if you were looking at the situation from the same

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